

## FEW RECOLLECTIONS OF SOME FORMER EDITORS

Several Old Newspaper Men Tell of Experiences in Local Newspaper Field.

### Editor Winchester News:

Thanking you for your invitation to me as an ex-newspaper man to contribute my mite for your first issue regarding the history of Journalism in our city during my recollection and experience and congratulating you and our people as well, upon the first morning daily, thus marking another milestone in the wonderful era of progress and prosperity, which has for years envied the "Gateway City," a few hurried notes are submitted.

### Old Newspaper Men.

First it might be well enough to mention the names and addresses of the men now living who at one time or another were interested in the editing and ownership of Winchester newspapers and I believe that the following list will be found approximately correct:

### List of Ex-newspaper Men of Winchester, Ky.

George M. Jackson, Piggott, Ark.  
B. F. Turner, Danville, Ky. (1868).  
A. C. Quisenberry, Hyattsville, Maryland.  
John E. Garner, Winchester.  
Walter Quisenberry, Winchester.  
W. M. Beckner, Winchester.  
G. B. Nelson, Winchester.  
Sam M. Boone, Somerset, Ky.  
T. G. Stuart, Winchester, Ky.  
John H. Stuart, Frankfort, Ky.  
D. C. Lisle, Bourbon Co., Ky.  
W. B. Nickols, Lexington, Ky.  
C. D. Grubbs, Mt. Sterling, Ky.  
J. M. Benton, Winchester, Ky.  
C. E. Lyddane, Winchester, Ky.  
George W. Bielm, Winchester, Ky.  
M. A. Donovan, Winchester, Ky.  
J. J. Adams, Winchester, Ky.  
J. M. Rash, Winchester, Ky.  
J. F. Winn, Winchester, Ky.  
John L. Bosley, Winchester, Ky.  
J. D. Mitchell, Pos Valley, Oklahoma.

R. R. Perry, Winchester, Ky.  
Gibson Taylor, Tucson, Arizona.  
Lucien Beckner, Winchester, Ky.  
E. K. S. Clinkerbeard, Portsmouth, Ohio.  
R. H. Rutledge, Grayson, Ky.  
Webb Banks, (col.), Winchester, Ky.

Each one of the list could doubtless be induced to write a brief sketch of his newspaper career in the town.

### The First Papers.

The "National Union" and the local newspapers, immediately antedating the Civil War, of which we have a few copies in our historical collection and both of these papers suspended after the beginning of the War. Capt. Geo. M. Jackson, Judge Jas. Flanagan, Judge Will H. Winn, W. T. Hanly, Wallace Grielle and R. S. Williams, (all but the first two named afterwards going to Mt. Sterling) were at one time or another connected with these two papers, and if I mistake not, Capt. Lee Hathaway then a resident of Montgomery, contributed at times to the "Chronicle."

The "Clark County Democrat" was established shortly after the War closed by James M. Parris, a gallant Confederate soldier, who had learned the "art preservation" in the printing offices of Winchester before 1861. He was a brother of Thomas M. Parris, another gallant old Confederate, who still lives in Clark and loyally cherishes the memory of his editor brother. The Parris boys were nephews I think of the Rev. Thornton Wills, a noted Baptist preacher of his day, and a member of the large and excellent family of that name, so many of whom are still honored citizens of Clark. Capt. Parris, after conducting the "Democrat" alone and with different associates, disposed of the paper to others and established the "Jessamine Journal" at Nicholasville and died shortly afterwards. His brother possesses an excellent picture of him and it ought to appear some day in both the "Democrat," which he founded and in the "Daily News."

### First Daily Newspaper.

During my connection with the Democrat, which began in the late "Seventies" when I was a youth in my teens, we issued Winchester's first daily, during one of the holiday seasons and it proved such a success that when the Methodist Conference met in Winchester the next year, the "Democrat" was again issued as a daily in much larger form. It did much to popularize the town and the visitors.

When my connection with the "Democrat" began it was printed on old Winchester handpress and a

circulation of about 400, and most of the local news related to the birth of Shorthorn calves and the discussion of local politics and personalities, not forgetting Zimm's noted local advertising items. We hope it is not egotistical in saying that in a few years we had the first power press in Eastern Kentucky (a Fairhover) two large job presses, a circulation of nearly two thousand and the "Democrat" was more frequently clipped and quoted from than almost any country paper in Kentucky. Our motto was the uplifting of the town and county and our aim was always not only to be abreast of the procession of progress but in the van.

### Paper Changed Hands.

The paper passed into the hands of Lisle and Nichols and by subsequent transfers to the present owners who have so prosperously guided its destinies until the present time. Among those who reflected credit on its editorial conduct, were Judge Marcus Lisle, Judge Rodney Haggard, Judge J. M. Benton and D. C. Lisle.

The immediate predecessor of the Winchester "Sun" was a small sheet called the "Smooth Coon" gotten out by the late lamented W. T. Adams and from it grew the "Sun." Sketches of the history of the "Sun" and Sun-Sentinel will be no doubt given you by the present and former owners who are so familiar with it and as interesting articles on the newspapers published here during the first half of the last century, by Mr. A. C. Quisenberry and the late Judge Flanagan have appeared in both local papers they will not be reproduced here. I am sure though that if you would induce our venerable and much beloved friend, Elder J. W. Harding, to dictate his reminiscences of the Winchester Journals of the olden times that it would be a most valuable contribution indeed. As you will doubtless be crowded for space in your first number will defer the conclusion of this rambling little sketch until later.

T. G. STUART.

### First Newspaper Man.

"Then Smite, if thy foes are 'round thee

And then battle for the right." And so you are to issue an Independent daily. I hope, indeed that it will be Independent, not neutral, not one that takes no sides in any contention, but bold and outspoken against any wrong.

If truly independent you can have no friends to reward or enemies to punish. If true to this, your paper will be a great success, and a power for good. Never in the history of the world, was there such a demand for an Independent press.

Not conscience, but fear of offending makes cowards of us all. Unless you have the courage of your convictions, and dare to print them you had better not enter this field of Independent Journalism.

Be not sensational, but truthful. Many considerations will arise to deter you.

Too often we ask ourselves, "will it pay?" Independence never comes from the counting room. Do not count the cost of denouncing wrong in whomsoever found.

If the public cries out against one and you find that one unjustly accused do not fear to defend him. What's denounced today, is hailed with joy tomorrow. Passion overthrows judgment and reason.

When others are mad, you be serene, for in a measure you sit in judgment on the actions and motives of your fellowmen. You must take one side or the other on every question. See that its right side. Excuse me for writing this homily.

Some forty-eight years ago, I edited and published a paper in your city—The National Union. I was a mere youth—about twenty. It was a most memorable year. The Presidential campaign was raging then as now but with far greater bitterness. Lincoln represented the Anti-Slavery sentiment. Breckinridge the South. Bell and Douglass both received electoral votes, but were not factors in the contest, except as to what vote they may have diverted from the other candidates. The pent up passions of men stood ready to burst out into Civil War, and six months after the election, Fort Sumter was fired upon. Kentucky for a while, stood with an olive branch in each hand pleading for peace, but the time came when all had to array themselves on one side or the other. History tells the rest.

While I never entertain a harsh feeling against those that went on the other side, and I numbered amongst them, my warmest and best friends, but I felt it my duty to stand

by the Union. Oh! that, that Civil War could have been averted. In almost every grave yard in Kentucky, resting side by side, will be found brothers or kindred, one who wore the blue—one who wore the gray. "Soldiers rest, thy warfare over. Sleep the sleep that knows no breaking."

Today, the people go, With a heart impatiently tender Lovingly laden with flowers Alike for the friend and the foe."

The mystic chords of memory, are touched. I am amid the scenes of my childhood. A thousand scenes of my childhood rush upon the mind, many pleasant, many sad. "That was in the long ago, When life was in the bursting bloom, Ere hope had learned to droop her eagle wings.

Or joy to speak in tears." Let us pray that never again, shall our country pass through such scenes.

An independent paper should be an earnest seeker after truth, and when truth leads, we should follow—be against every wrong and for any reform.

"An injury to one, is the concern of all," consider not the capital or laborer as such. Consider all as men, and so deal with them.

"Take up the people's cudgel And break the oppressor's rod Proclaim the truths eternal, And leave thy cause with God." GEORGE M. JACKSON.

### Merchants Need It.

My recent experience of partnership in and co-editorship of the Sun-Sentinel taught me forcibly the need of this city for a daily paper. In the first place the merchants need it, the former excellent weekly and semi-weekly affording no sufficient vehicle for the enterprising merchant who wants to push his claims to public consideration every day. Then the reading public needs it, as is evidenced by the way in which it has used the brief Winchester column in our enterprising neighbor, the Lexington Herald. Then our efforts to boom our town have been hampered by having no daily champion; events of importance frequently growing, state before they can find expression in the older papers. The daily Bro. Perry got out during the state of affairs and incidentally an acknowledgment of our needs. And then if it is kept in high lives and above all efforts that will be made upon its character and reputation, and free from partisanship, it will fill a place much needed in our civic life and be considered by our people second not even to our excellent schools and churches.

LUCIEN BECKNER

### Woes of the Editor.

Something new for Winchester. Two or three decades ago, I was connected with the "Sun," a weekly paper, that shed its light as best it could under the circumstances, to give the citizens of our then little city the local news, and advertise the wares of our merchants and tell the public that Mary Smith was visiting Susie Jones, etc.

It was a herculean task every Saturday to get enough money to pay the working force to say nothing of worries of the poor Editor. Now we are to have a "Big" daily in greater Winchester with its associated dispatch service and all the facilities for gathering news at home and from abroad. We sincerely hope it shall be liberally patronized and stand four square to all the world, and especially for the uplift and betterment of our own people, and for the growth and development of the Gate Way City.

J. M. RASH.

### THE YOUNGER SET.

The News has arranged for the publication of a serial story in its columns and gives to its readers this afternoon the first installment of "The Younger Set" by Robert W. Chambers, one of the leading authors of the day. The installment will run The story is said to be one of the author's best. The New York World speaks of it as follows: "The most popular writer in the country has improved upon his own very popular, 'Fighting Chance.' We ask all interested in literature, to read the first installment in order that they might not lose the continuity of the story.

If this feature proves popular, the News will spare no expense within its means, to give to its patrons, the very best and newest in contemporary, literature.

### Man's Dull Attire.

Brittishers are constantly becoming duller and more morose in the matter of their clothes. Their carelessness in this respect seems sometimes to amount to affectation.—Chambers' Journal.

### Ever Notice It?

The woman who is ambitious to become a society leader begins by leading her husband around by the nose.—Chicago News.

## FIRST TAG DAY IS A GREAT SUCCESS.

King's Daughters Realize \$253.01 By Their Work on Saturday.

"What are all these red tags for?" Was the question put to a News reporter early Saturday morning by a traveling man who had just arrived in the city and was not aware of the fact that it was King's Daughters' Tag Day. But before the reporter had time to explain to the new comer, the reason of the little red tag being so much in evidence, a young lady, one of the members of the King's Daughters, who was standing nearby and had overheard his question, popped in to the conversation and asked the drummer if he wanted to be tagged.

### Lands the Drummer.

The drummer paused a minute and then said he did not know whether he did or not. After an explanation from the young lady, the drummer immediately went down in his pocket and donated fifty cents towards the good cause.

This and a number of other similar incidents, marked Saturday as the most successful day of charitable work in the history of the organization in this city. The King's Daughters organization is without doubt one of the greatest charitable societies in the country.

### Extends Help to All.

One particular feature about it is, that they help all the poor and needy regardless of creed or nationality. Another is that the money they secure, is given to the poor in their home town and not sent away for foreign purposes.

This was the first tag day the society has ever had here and the members took a great deal of interest in it. Any number of them could be found all along the streets tying the little red tag on all who made donations. Few there were without them.

### Ladies Are Pleased.

The ladies were more than delighted with their day's work. It was quite amusing to hear some of the ladies relate their experiences during the day and the way they had to talk in some cases to get the money.

The lady who went to the Hagan Gas Engine Co.'s plant had quite a lively time trying to get to the workmen. When she went in, there was no one on the first floor. She immediately went to the second floor, but much to her surprise, when she arrived there, she found that the men were all on the first floor. After a few moments of careful studying, she could see that the men were playing a trick on her and were riding from one floor to another on the elevator to dodge her. She finally landed them and was well rewarded for her chases up and down the stairs.

### A Ticket to Heaven.

At the C. & O. depot a lady approached a conductor and asked him to buy a tag. He said he had a house full of children and did not have money enough to buy a ticket to Chilesburg. The lady told him she was not selling railroad tickets but if he bought a little red tag, it would entitle him to ride in a Pullman car to Heaven. The conductor shouted all aboard and handed over his quarter.

### North End the Best.

The ladies who worked the North end of the town fared better, than any of the others. Their good looks and the red lemonade in that district seemed to work together on the pocket books of the visitors. One man gave a lady ten cents and after going in to one of the cafes, he sent a five dollar bill out to her by the porter. The spirit evidently moved him.

The society received altogether, \$253.01. An effort is on foot to have one day in the year set apart all over the country where there is an organization to be known as "tag day" and to make it a national feature. As it is now each town sets its own day. They are only held once a year.

The officers of the King's Daughters are:

Mrs. James S. Winn, Leader.  
Miss Annie B. Croxton, Secretary.  
Mrs. Earnest Bean, Treasurer.  
Mrs. Mattie Gay, Vice Leader.  
The members who turned out with vim and energy Saturday were:  
Mrs. Rand Baldwin.  
Mrs. Earnest Bean.  
Mrs. Mat Bean.  
Mrs. John Bean.  
Mrs. Lucien Beckner.  
Miss Maggie Bright.  
Miss Mary Bush.  
Miss Eliza Bush.  
Mrs. Ed. Clark.  
Miss Annie Croxton.  
Miss Leila Croxton.  
Miss Nannie Jett.  
Mrs. Bert Loveland.  
Miss M. B. Miller.  
Mrs. John Mills.

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## Auditorium

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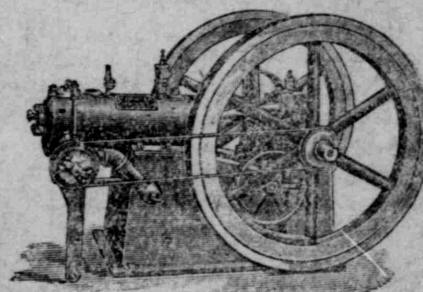
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